

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application, with Claim 1 being the independent claim. Claims 1-3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Siddoway et al. (US 6,473,631). Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Siddoway et al. in view of Lee (Pub. U.S. 2004/0204203).

Application Serial No. 10/811,701 and U.S. Pub. 2004/0204203 (Lee) were at the time the invention of Application Serial No. 10/811,701 was made, owned by Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.

The Lee application is assigned on its face to Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. Under 35 U.S.C. 103(c) subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more subsections (e), (f) and (g) of section 102 of this title shall not preclude patentability under this section [103] where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

Lee qualifies as prior art only under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). Lee was, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person, and thus Lee cannot be used under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) against the present application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that Lee be withdrawn as a cited reference.

Claim 1 is currently amended as set forth herein to incorporate the elements from Claim 4 and Claim 4 is cancelled.

As amended, Claim 1 recites in part that the camera lens module is detachable so that the camera lens module can be replaced by another camera lens module. The Examiner acknowledges that Sidoway does not teach a detachable camera module.

Because Lee is not operative against the present application and it is acknowledged that Sidoway does not teach a detachable camera module, Claim 1 is patentably distinct from Sidoway. For at least the above reason, dependent Claims 2, 3 and 5, are also believed to be patentably distinct from Sidoway.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 1-3 and 5 be withdrawn and the claims allowed. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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